

# **The Conservators of Therfield Heath and Greens**

**The Therfield Regulation Trust  
c/o Royston Golf Club, Baldock Rd, Royston, SG8 5BG  
Registered Charity No. 277881  
Chair: Clare Swarbrick**

Clerk: Carol Fossick  
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## **Summary Minutes from Thursday 21 April 2021 (Zoom Meeting )**

### **Apologies for Absence**

None

### **Declarations of interest:**

- Abstention from 1 Conservator on any vote re golf club ; interest noted.

### **Approve the minutes of the meeting on 25 March 2021**

Approved.

### **Matters arising not covered in the agenda**

None.

#### 1. Tree Tender

Discussion of costing supplied regarding our tree tender - there was a price difference. Methodology proposed by one seemed good (eg software / specialist / tagged GPS report). Clear that a lot of work would have been put into each quote. Noted price difference for the work on the greens ; was there value here? Keen to start work on Heath review and also ask for explanation of the higher costs to ensure that it was value for money.

#### 2. Section 38 Applications

Was a need to do these individually? One application may save costs – Clerk said this may be confusing for the form and maps. She had done them individually so each could go forward on its own merits. Agreed to allow clerk to proceed to do each in turn.

#### 3. Rats

Much work on this following the comments and HSE matter. All steps taken to show that the guidelines were followed. We would record everything so we had a complete record. Fully grappled with the moral dilemma here of being a rural nature landowner yet with obligations under the Pest Act and also the need to use pest control in this situation ; as best one could we had navigated our way through and were being open and transparent with the public and all those who contact us.

#### 4. Leases and Tenants etc

Café looking as to if parts of the lease arrangements could be changed. Plan A and B issue. Needed to consider what steps to take, cost and how it would assist.

Golf Club ; golf club rent review due May 2021. Clerk reviewed the history of the lease (as amended in 2009) – the changes from 2015/16. Confusion needed to be sorted. Could consider professional advice to assist. Issue of buggies also discussed and voted upon. A letter had been received about letting out the Bungalow. Clerk to reply.

A request regarding rabbit holes on gallops - dangerous to horses.

#### 5. Heath and Greens

- Warden : offer made - 10 years' experience and a master's degree
- Footpath 9 and 10 - a lot of rubbish still there which could prevent cutter machines work.
- Take it Home litter Campaign – agreed to see how best we can work with this

- Erosion on small area of Therfield Green – Conservator to look at

### **Other items to Discuss**

Discussions with Royston Town Council - what this would mean in terms of transparency and organisation  
NE and NHDC meeting on 21 April 2021 - The mitigation strategy and our management plan

### **New Events/Permissions/Correspondence etc – Update from the Clerk**

- Permission to fly drone - refused
- Royston Runners : respond to requests.

### **Any other business**

Reports of hedge spraying

Sun Hill and FOTH meeting update from BH.

**Date of next meeting :        27 May 2021**